

REMARKS/ARGUMENT

Amendments to the Claims

Entry of the amendments canceling Claims 35-43, and maintaining, with slight grammatical or style changes, or amending Claims 44-54, as shown in the above Listing of Claims, is respectfully requested. These cancellations and amendments are believed consistent with the Examiner's indication, in the Final Office Action, that Claims 44-54 "would be allowable if rewritten in an independent form", are hoped to "require only a cursory review by the Examiner", and none of the amendments or changes to the Claims adds any new subject matter.

Claims 44 and 45 have been amended by incorporating the substance of canceled Claim 35 from which they had depended, and some of the usages in the remainder of the Claim have been clarified, without broadening either Claim or, otherwise, adding any new matter to either.

Claim 46 has been amended for clarity, without adding any new matter.

Claim 47 has been amended consistent with the clarifying amendments made to Claim 44.

Claims 48 and 49 have been amended for clarity without adding any new matter.

Claim 51 has been amended consistent with the clarifying amendments made to Claim 45.

Claim 52 and 53 have been amended consistent with the amendments made, respectively, to Claims 48 and 49.

Accordingly, Applicants respectfully submit that Claims 44-54 are fully supported by the original Specification and Claims, add no new matter, and are in condition for allowance. Such favorable action is earnestly solicited.

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The Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned attorney if any further questions remain which can be resolved by a telephone interview.

Respectfully submitted,

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